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Editorial Comments.

There have been 125 murders in Chicago's "Little Italy" within the past 34 years.

The days are now getting shorter, but the sun is doing business at the same old stand.

Turkey has promised to satisfy Greece by letting the Greek refugees return, and pay them indemnity.

Carranza and Villa always harmonize by doing what Villa wants done. And it is well to remember that Villa is friendly to the United States.

A golf player in Washington who "cussed" President Wilson for almost hitting his head with a flying ball, has written an abject apology, which the President accepted.

The small boys of Hopkinsville are trying to find out who drained the public "swimming hole." They want to know whose fame is to rest on this display of human kindness.

Nine eggs in the establishment of Hulen-Tupes, a wholesale produce firm at Bowling Green, hatched on account of the intense heat, says a dispatch. The chicks are well developed.

Samuel Hirschberg, aged twelve, was killed while sitting in the bleachers watching two teams play baseball in Chicago, when a bat slipped from the hands of Dennis Flannigan and struck him on the head, fracturing his skull.

President Wilson has agreed to receive on June 30 a deputation of 700 women suffragists representing the organized clubwomen of the country, headed by Mrs. Harvey W. Wylie. They will press for his support the suffrage constitutional amendment.

Zacatecas was captured by Villa's forces at 6 p. m. Tuesday, according to the official report received at Juarez. The rebel loss is given at 2,200 killed and wounded. Two of Villa's generals are reported to have been wounded and one killed. Federal casualties are not given.

Tips to porters and waiters on trains and steamboats in interstate commerce would be prohibited by a bill introduced by Senator Works. At the same time, it would make it unlawful for an employer to pay such low wages that tips were necessary for the proper compensation of the employee.

Braving a street temperature of more than 105 degrees, one hundred and twelve German singing societies from various parts of the United States, with accompanying delegations, Wednesday participated in a parade that preceded the formal opening in Louisville of the thirty-fourth saengerfest of the North American Saengerbund.

"If you see a lot of mammoth trunks piled up at the stations," says the Henderson Gleaner, it is not Barnum's circus transporting its tents, but the college girls coming home for vacation." The impression must not be created that the trunks contain anything besides books and souvenirs. A small handbag would hold the average girl's clothes.

The City of Paterson, N. J., with much formality, buried a 30-foot hammer the other day as the first step to start a booster campaign. Hopkinsville appointed a Fool Killer to deal with the Town Knockers ten years ago and its prosperity dates from that time. People who do not like Hopkinsville have a standing invitation to shut up and get out.

Terms for composing the differences between the United States and Mexico have been concluded. The Washington Government authorized the signing of the Niagara Falls pact Wednesday night. It becomes effective when the new provisional government for Mexico has been established, and provides that the United States and Argentina, Brazil and Chile recognize the new government.

HUGE FAILURE IN DRY GOODS

Receivers For H. B. Clafin Company, Liabilities of Thirty Millions.

HAD NOTES IN MANY BANKS.

Receivers For H. B. Clafin Stores Maintained Over Country---Appeal Vain.

New York, June 26.—The biggest mercantile failure in the history of the United States was precipitated yesterday when receivers were appointed for H. B. Clafin company, of this city. The company, it is estimated, owes more than \$30,000,000 which, at the present time, it is unable to pay. Its assets are said to be \$44,000,000.

John Clafin, head of the company is the chief individual stockholder, in the dry goods enterprises throughout the country, which are involved in the failure. Receivers for several of these were named today, and similar action, it was announced, would be taken in the case of the remainder. Their business will be continued under receivers' management until their financial affairs have been adjusted.

From 3,000 to 5,000 banks in all parts of the United States compose the bulk of Clafin creditors. They hold notes aggregating the major part of the liabilities. These notes are said to have been issued by the various Clafin stores, endorsed by H. B. Clafin company and the proceeds used when discounted in financing their needs.

The Castner-Knott Dry Goods Co., Nashville, passed into the hands of a receiver Thursday, as a result. Assets \$700,000, liabilities \$427,865.

LIMITS KISS TO ONE YARD

Woman Movie Censor Orders The Prolonged Variety Cut Out.

Philadelphia, June 26.—Mrs. Cyra Niver, the only woman member of the new state moving picture censorship board, has decided that "one yard" is long enough for any kiss, after several weeks spent in passing upon thousands and thousands of yards of love drama films. The woman inspector has sat through yards and yards of kisses and her ultimatum after watching an embrace which occupied five yards of film was that four yards should be eliminated.

GABE LONG

Succeeds Henry Stites as Lieutenant of Co. D.

Gabe B. Long, who has been regimental color-bearer, was elected second lieutenant of Co. D. Thursday night, vice Lieutenant Henry J. Stites, resigned. The vacancy in the position of first lieutenant caused by the resignation of Sheriff Jewell W. Smith has not been filled.

Lieut. Long's selection will prove to be a very popular one. He is a son of the late E. B. Long, and is one of the most popular young men in the city, at present holding a responsible position with the Mogul Wagon Works.

Without Eyeballs.

Clarksville, Tenn., June 26.—A Jersey cow on the farm of Floyd Smith of this county has given birth to a female calf which was blind at birth and without eyeballs. The calf is now one week old and is seemingly normal otherwise.

FORD TOURING CAR AND TEN TRIPS TO MAMMOTH CAVE

To Be Awarded To Ladies of Hopkinsville and Vicinity By The Kentuckian On August 15---Probably The Opportunity Of A Life Time For Some One.

MOST LIBERAL OFFER EVER MADE BY HOPKINSVILLE PAPER.

Any Lady or Girl May Enter The Contest And Be Awarded An Automobile Or a Trip Without Cost---See Announcement On Other Page And Enter At Once.

In this issue the Kentuckian announces the most liberal subscription contest ever inaugurated by a newspaper of this section. The most liberal in point of number and quality of prizes offered, as well as conditions of the contest.

One Ford Touring car will be awarded the contestant receiving the highest number of votes, and any lady may enter the contest and win by her efforts alone. The contest closes Aug. 15, just seven weeks hence and more than \$580 can be earned by some one in these few weeks. Think of what an opportunity this liberal offer affords you to secure a touring car without cost. All required is just a little effort and energy.

In addition to the Touring Car, ten ladies or girls will be awarded each a trip to Mammoth Cave. Mammoth Cave is one of the wonders of not only, the United States, but the

world, and every year tourists from all over the world visit this cave. Travel hundreds of miles, at a large expense to see just what the Kentuckian is offering 10 ladies with ut cost. The party will be chaperoned by some one selected by one of the contestants and accompanied by a representative of the Kentuckian who will see that the trip is perfect in every respect. On another page is published all the details of the contest. Every lady who would like to possess a touring car or be one of the Mammoth Cave party is invited to send her name to the Contest Manager at once. Don't wait, as an early start will be to your advantage. There are so many awards that success will be certain if you enter the contest with the proper determination. Call 449 and let the contest manager know that you want to enter the contest, and subscription blanks will be furnished you at once.

PETER I OF SERVIA ABDICATES THRONE

Successor to King Alexander, Murdered Eleven Years Ago by Soldiers.

Belgrade, June 24.—King Peter I of Serbia was reported to-day to have abdicated the throne in favor of his second son, Prince Alexander.

The king left Belgrade in the afternoon for the baths at Vrnja in the southern part of Serbia, and a note issued by the official agency in announcing the king's departure did not say he had abdicated, but confined itself to the statement that his majesty had signed a ukase intrusting the government of Serbia during his absence from the capital to the crown prince, Alexander.

King Peter I, who is 70 years old, ascended the Serbian throne, June 15 1903, after the murder of King Alexander.

At half past twelve on the night of June 10, about forty Serbian army officers entered the royal palace, burst open the apartments of King Alexander and Queen Draga, and shot their majesties dead. On the same occasion, several Serbian ministers were assassinated, and altogether fifty-four persons were killed or wounded.

The king, who has just abdicated, was in Geneva at the time, and he afterwards denied all knowledge of the conspiracy. His majesty, however, never caused the punishment of the conspirators, who retained their rank in the Serbian army.

King Peter, until his succession, led a very venturesome life. He studied in Switzerland and then went to the French military academy at St. Cyr. He participated in the Franco-German war as an officer of the foreign legion.

For many years he is said to have engaged in conspiracies against King Milan, of Serbia, but for forty-five years he himself never set foot on Serbian soil until he had been elected king by the Serbian parliament.

The new King Alexander was born on December 4, 1888. He has hitherto been very popular among the Serbians. He was educated in St. Petersburg, and is of a studious and refined temperament.

Mrs. M. E. Rutherford has returned to her home in Louisville, after a three weeks' visit to friends in the city.

WHEAT DROPS TWO CENTS

Further Decline to Lowest Price In Twelve Years.

In Chicago Thursday, wheat rallied after prices had fallen lower than any time since 1902, closing at 74 1/2 for July delivery.

The local price declined 2 cents yesterday, and offerings were brisk at 70 cents. The impression prevails that wheat will go lower yet. Threshing is still the order of the day. Seven threshes were seen in operation Thursday on the Clarksville pike alone. The crop is fine and is being sold rapidly. Those who sold at 75 cents are congratulating themselves. E. D. Jones sold 20,000 bushels at that price. The Nashville papers report the flour market declining and "staff of life" is sure to be cheaper than for many years.

It seems that the first decline in the prices of high living will be at the expense of the farmers, but President Wilson predicts a great revival of business all over the country, with money easy and living expenses greatly reduced.

HEAT WAVE

Continues And 104 Degrees Is The Register.

The intense heat continues and no relief is promised by the weather bureau at present. On Thursday the Government thermometer, in charge of weather observer, W. F. Randle, registered 104 degrees, the minimum being 70 degrees. The day before both the maximum and minimum were the same—104 and 70 degrees. On Tuesday the maximum was 100 degrees and minimum was 69 degrees. The 104 mark has been reached three times during the month, the mercury going up to that point June 11, also. It was still hotter yesterday.

First Presbyterian Church.

ELMER E. GABBARD, Pastor.

Sunday School—9:30 a. m.

Preaching Service—11 a. m.

Subject: "The Shortness of Life." Christian Endeavor—7:15 p. m. Wednesday Prayer Service—8 p. m.

DRYS START PETITIONS

Asking For a Vote on Prohibition In Christian County September 21.

UNDER THE NEW UNIT LAW.

Fights To Be Made In Many Other Counties On The Same Date.

At a meeting held Wednesday night by the dry forces, it was definitely decided to have an election in Christian county on Sept. 21, to prohibit the sale of liquor in the county. The election will be called under the new county unit law, which requires 25 per cent of the voters from the county at large to call an election.

The petition also asks that druggists be prohibited from selling liquors. There are now 25 saloons in the county, 23 in Hopkinsville and 2 in Gracey.

This is part of a general movement over the state and elections will be held at the same time in practically all of the wet counties, including Daviess, Henderson and McCracken, in this end of the state. Indications are that there will be a spirited contest in all of these counties. The petitions are to be circulated at once and the requisite number of names, it is expected, will be secured without any trouble.

Petitions for signatures have been placed at the drug stores of J. O. Cook, Anderson-Fowler Co., Averitt-Stowe Co., L. L. Elgin, Max J. Blythe and L. A. Johnson & Co., and at R. Leavell's stable and McCord Bros. grocery.

METEOR SEEN IN MORNING

Flashed Across The Sky At Three A. M. Thursday.

A brilliant meteor of great size passed through the sky from southwest to northeast Thursday morning at three o'clock.

Persons who saw it say that it made the night almost as light as day and left behind it a trail of light that remained for 20 to 30 minutes. Lieut. W. D. Hawkins was one of those who saw it here. He says it grew lower as it approached the northeast and finally appeared to descend below the horizon.

W. E. Adecock, south of town, also saw it and says it was as large as a whisky barrel and left a great trail of light across the heavens which lasted for half an hour. There was also a rumbling sound.

Sam Robertson, of Flat Lick, saw about the same display. He said the meteor seemed to throw off small particles as it passed through the sky.

Dispatches report that the meteor was seen at Clarksville, Hartsville, McMinnville and Columbia, Tenn., and at Huntsville, Ala.

Smithson-Harris.

Invitations to the marriage of Miss Annie Smithson and Mr. J. M. Harris are out, as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Fielder Smithson request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter,

Anne Katherine,

to

Mr. John Morgan Harris, on Wednesday afternoon the eighth of July, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen at four-thirty o'clock, 1003 South Walnut Street, Hopkinsville, Ky.

At Home

COUNTY LOSES GOOD CITIZEN

Edwin W. Steger, Prominent Farmer, Victim of "Heart Failure," Aged 73.

SHOCKING IN ITS SUDDENNESS

Death Came Without Warning At 4 o'clock A. M. Thursday.

Mr. Edwin W. Steger, one of Christian county's most prominent and substantial citizens, died unexpectedly at his home near Oak Grove, Thursday morning. He had not been feeling very well, but had been up and about as usual the day before and had ridden his horse about over the farm a part of the day. He awoke at four o'clock and complained of the heat and changed his position in the bed. Mrs. Steger heard him gasp and rushed to him and found him in a dying condition, of heart failure.

He was a son of Wm. M. Steger, of Buckingham county, Va., who came to Christian county in 1838 and died in 1877. Mr. Steger was born in this county Feb. 22, 1841. He was educated in the schools of Christian county and served in the Confederate army during the entire war, as a gallant soldier of the Lost Cause. He became a first sergeant in the regiment of Col. Thos. G. Woodward, serving in the companies of Capt. Darwin Bell and Capt. Elliott.

He was twice married. In 1868 he married Miss Sallie E. Glover, of Trigg county, who died five years later, leaving three sons, Ernest W., Edwin T. and James Steger. About 20 years ago he was married to Miss Mollie Buckner, who survives him. One daughter of this union also survives him, Miss Louise Steger.

Mr. Steger was a lifelong member of Locust Grove Baptist church, a deacon for 42 years and for 40 years church clerk. He was a devout and consistent christian and no man in the county stood higher in the community in which he lived and died.

He was a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders and had long been prominent in the affairs of the Democratic party.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at nine o'clock, at Locust Grove church by his pastor, Rev. H. E. Gabby. The interment followed later in the day at Riverside Cemetery.

COMMITTS SUICIDE

Edward B. Courtney Ends His Life At Evansville.

E. B. Courtney, 34 years old, a traveling salesman, of Beaver Dam, Ky., shot himself in the temple while standing before the glass in his room at the Acme Hotel, in Evansville, Wednesday, and lingered for two hours at a hospital to which he was removed. He left a note asking the hotel management to notify his wife at Beaver Dam and his brother at Hopkinsville, Ky.

It is believed Mr. Courtney was affected by the intense heat and became temporarily insane.

His wife happened to be visiting here, in the family of her brother, J. E. Bouldin, on North Main street, and received the shocking news in this city. His brother, referred to, is G. C. Courtney.

Mr. Courtney was engaged in the livery business and later in insurance before he left here about four years ago. The body was brought here for interment, arriving on the Dixie Flyer Thursday.

Harriman's Son.

W. Averill Harriman, eldest son of the late E. H. Harriman, whose appointment as vice-president of the Union Pacific railway has just been announced, is but 23 years old, but nevertheless he has had five years of railroad training. He has been a member of the board of directors